

Bicycle Nova Scotia Board of Directors Meeting
May 21, 2014
Sport Nova Scotia Building
Halifax, NS

Secretary: Darren Scott Chair: Jamie Lamb

Present: Jamie Lamb – President
 Darren Scott – Secretary
 Adam Bowes – Director at Large
 Randy Comeau – VP MTB Competition
 Simon Myatt – Athlete and Coach Development
 Martin Austin – Events Coordinator
 Keith Croucher – VP MTB Trails
 lola doucet – Director at Large
 Ben Buckwold – Director of Bicycling Culture
 Susanna Fuller – VP REBA

Regrets: Kimberly Hoffman – Treasurer
 Kaarin Tae – Registrar
 Zach Steinman – VP Road Competition
 David Hayles – VP Touring and Trails
 Aaron Perrott – VP BMX

- Meeting called to order and quorum established at 6:45pm
- The agenda for current meeting was reviewed and accepted as put forward.

1. Sector Reports:

Martin:

- The organizers have canceled Cape Breton Stage race. In the email sent to the BNS Board referenced the concern with the scheduling conflict with an MTB event. All efforts were made at the time of schedule creation to not have these two events conflict.
- The increased number of events in all disciplines of racing has made it difficult to avoid this from happening.
- Marty is going to consult with the organizers to see how this can be avoided in the future.

Randy:

- Looking at working with the Road Competition sector to combine similar types of issues to create a consistency between the disciplines
- There has been an increase in the number of participants using fat bikes in races. Currently it is part of the open category with no specific recognition. This will stay as is, but will watch the growth for possible changes.
- The Keppoch race organizers have asked BNS to draft a letter confirming that BNS is working with them on trying to have a Canada Cup MTB event hosted in Nova Scotia. The

Canada Cup organizers have said they could be willing to have a 2015 test event and a 2016 official event.

- Randy is taking delivery of merchandise from OGC as an in kind donation for hosting their logo on MTB race plates. These will be marked for use by any BNS sector for promotional or recognition purposes until all gone.

Simon:

- Continuing to work with athletes and coaches. Communicating with them at races and events or as they request.
- Reviewing the documentation that makes references to supporting “athletes” to include supporting “clubs” and “teams”. This creates a more rounded approach to athlete development.
- Sherry Huybers has completed two Let’s Ride! cycling coaching courses with financial support from BNS.
- Currently working on the next level of coaching development, but there are currently no details to report.

Ben/Susanna

- Nova Scotia Bike Week is June 6-15. There has been some support from the province to promote through the newspaper. It has received a proclamation from HRM
- Currently involved with the Southwest Sunday Cycle, which is a casual ride in the city during bike week. Will be promoted through social media
- There are no major updates on the Blue Route
- By June 25, the *Five Great Places to Cycle* maps will be sent to all NS visitor information centers. Will also be placed onto websites.
 - These maps have five great rides in various places in the province.
- Susanna participated in news coverage on the requested footbridge for the Powder Mill Lake bridge replacement project planned for the summer.
 - BNS position was that the city should have consulted with the cycling community prior to the project going to tender and the decisions being made.
- Susanna attended the Women on Wheels workshop. Participation as well as all the feedback was excellent.
- Halifax has a mobile bike unit that is travelling around and educating people about cycling. BNS has the opportunity to link to the project.
- SWITCH open streets Dartmouth is on June 15th and August 24th.
- Ben will source a BNS branded tent for use at various events. Funding is available with unspent funds from a prior grant.
- Funding of \$70,000 from Quest for Blue Route branding and marketing will be coming through BNS
- lola raised the question of funding control and a discussion on the tracking of finances was held.
 - Ben and Susanna are going to speak with SNS on their accounting service support they have available
 - Simon and lola are going to speak with some contacts for their input
 - This was marked as a topic for review at the next meeting
- Susanna motioned that we adopt a policy that we do not pay any overhead costs on a research project.
 - Seconded by Keith. Vote was unanimous.

Adam

- Touched base with Kyle to see if he had any budget requests or financial needs. Kyle did not have any requests
- Adam has been working with organizers on the development of a Cyclocross point series for the upcoming season. Several organizers are interested and will be working over the next few weeks to firm up dates and plans.
- Adam to work with Randy and Zach to get the details on how this will change things for the organizers of these events. Sanction fees, commissaires, category creation are things to be reviewed.
- Adam had drafted a budget for advertising and promotion of BNS. It was felt this fit under REBA sector, which has funds available for this. Adam will review with Ben and Susanna

lola

- lola raised the concern that the initiative of paying for MTB commissaire race licenses, if they commissaired a race the prior year, was no longer happening. This initiative was created with Board approval in 2012 and was for one year only. It was determined through discussion that the communication was either not clear, or was misunderstood at the AGM.
 - Keith motioned to reimburse race license fees for any MTB commissaire that commissaired a race in 2013. As per the original program, the license is transferable to an immediate family member.
 - Randy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. *lola abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest.
 - Randy made a motion to extend the program until a further review, with the requirement that a MTB commissaire do three events in the prior race year. This can be head or assistant commissaire. The license is transferable to an immediate family member.
 - Marty seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. *lola abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

Keith

- Keith has received funding from an outside donor for a paid position on trail committee. Jamie will help with the creation of the job description.

Jamie

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Call to adjourn by Marty at 9:45pm, seconded by Simon